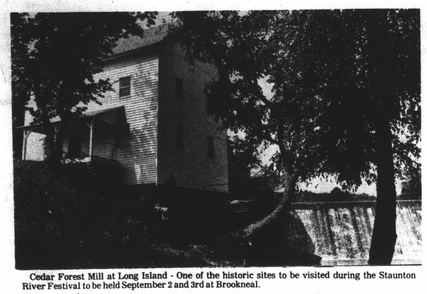

Cedar Forest Mill at Long Island - One of the historic sites to be visited during the Staunton River Festival to be held September 2 and 3rd at Brookneal.

Staunton River Festival Planned September 2 - 3

A "Staunton River Festival" featuring guided canoe trips through "white water," bus tours of historic homes and farms, demonstrations of traditional farm and homemaking crafts, Bluegrass and Gospel music and good country cooking will take place September 2 and 3 at the boat landing in Brookneal. Admission and parking for the Festival are free.

This year's Staunton River Festival will honor Virginia's newest "scenic river." An 11 mile long segment of the Staunton, from Long Island to Brookneal, was declared scenic by the Virginia General Assembly in March. The Friends of the Staunton River, who sponsor the Staunton River Festival, billed last year's event as a "celebration of the rural way of life" which has existed along the Staunton River and its tributaries for hundreds of years and which would be lost, the Friends of the Staunton River feel, if the proposed Randolph Hydroelectric and Coal Project, flooding 35,000 acres were constructed. Again the Friends of the Staunton River hope the festival will help make citizens across Virginia more aware of the special rural character of the area, but two official state actions during the pass year, the "scenic river" designation and the addition of the sluices and wings dams in the river at Cat Rock to the Virginia Register of Historic Landmarks, have prompted them to focus much of the festival on the "scenic river."

A bus tour, new to this year's festival, will take guests along the "scenic river" corridor in Campbell, Pittsylvannia and Halifax counties. Historic sites to be visited are Nicup Tavern, where Patrick Henry frequently dined, Green Hill plantation which was owned by Samuel Pannill, president of the Roanoke River Navigation Company. Pannill was famous for the stone sluices and wing dams he designed in the Staunton River and for the stone and brick structures he designed at Green Hill. Many architectural authorities regard Green Hill as one of the best surviving examples of a plantation complex of outbuildings and dependecies. Other points of interest on the tour are Long Island, Cedar Forest Mill, recently restored to working condition by Ned Lunceford and where festival guests may purchase stone ground meal, Cedar Forest House, the Buttercup Farm, Collins Ferry, which offers a fine example of an early Federal period interior, and Seven Islands, the home of Patrick Henry's daughter. The "scenic river" corridor tour will be offered only on Sunday.

On Saturday, a bus tour of homes and farms in Charlotte County which would be affected by the proposed Randolph Project will be available. Guests on the Saturday tour will visit the grounds of Staunton Hill, the immense Gothic house formerly owned by Ambassador David K. E. Bruce, Patrick Henry Boys' Plantation, Red Hill, Ridgeway, Woodbourne and many dairy, beef and tobacco farms in the Cub Creek area. The emphasis for the Cub Creek tour is not on architecturally important or historic structures; rather, the Friends of the Staunton River hope to show their guests an area which would be lost if the Randolph Project were built and to indicate how this flooding and dislocation will affect the lives of the people in that community. A 12,000 acre "cooling pond" on Cub Creek would be the first impoundment in the proposed Randolph Project.

Also on Saturday, expert canoeists will paddle festival guests through "white water" in the scenic river; area volunteer fire departments will compete for more than $1,000 in prize money donated by area merchants and businesses; and running enthusiasts will compete in a 10,000 meter and a 2 mile foot race.

Live bluegrass music can be heard all day Saturday and gospel music on Sunday. Demonstrations of traditional farm and homemaking crafts, such as spinning, basket-making, blacksmithing, etc.; nature walks led by trained botanists; and children's events will take place both days.

Examples of country cooking offered for sale will be Staunton River catfish, beef and pork barbecue, homemade ham biscuits and cornbread, homemade ice cream and fresh pressed apple cider. Much of the food to be sold at the Staunton River Festival has been grown or raised on farms that would be affected by the proposed Randolph Project.

For further information regarding the Staunton River Festival, call Pamela Kent Pettus in Keysville, 736-8836; Frank Reynolds in Brookneal, a376-5378 or Shirley Hamlet in Phenix, 542-5000.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Regular morning worship services were held on Sunday, August 27 at 11 o'clock. An inspiring message was delivered by our newly elected pastor, Rev. James Johnson. Rev. Johnson, of Madison Heights, Va., has been serving us for the past several months as acting pastor.

We are happy that Mr. T. W. Hamlet is slowly making her way around town again. During the month of August, she was visited by Mr. and Mrs. James Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Watkins, all of Baltimore, Md.

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DEATHS

Jim Abbitt

Jim Abbitt of 920 Second St., Lynchburg, died Tuesday evening, August 22, 1978 in Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

He was born in Appomattox County and was a member of Mount Obed Baptist Church in Concord. His wife was the late Mrs. Ella Abbitt.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Napier of Lynchburg; a sister, Mrs. Viola Randolph of Concord; two sons-in-law; a stepson, Lee West of Baltimore; a foster child, Reuben Barksdale; two daughters-in-law; 19 grandchildren, 30 great - grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday from Mt. Obed Baptist Church in Concord with the Rev. Debb Christian officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Charlie P. Morris

Charlie Preston Morris, 63, of 2901 Old Forest Road, Lynchburg, died Friday morning in Virginia Baptist Hospital. His wife is Lucille Coleman Morris.

Born in Appomattox County August 10, 1915, he was a son of the late Alex Preston Morris and Ida Thomas Morris. He was a member of Euclid Christian Church, Woodmen of the World and was retired from Mead Corp. after 39 years of service as head machine tender.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Preston W. (Pete) Morris of Richmond and Steve A. (Chip) Morris of Coleman Falls; a sister, Mrs. Maude Morris Elliott of Lynchburg, three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday by the Rev. Joe Detamore at Euclid Christian Church. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Frank S. Cumby

Mrs. Effie Morton Cumby, 79, of Appomattox, died at 5:15 a.m. Sunday in Ryan's Nursing Home, Amherst. Her husband was the late Frank S. Cumby.

She was the daughter of the late Herman Marshall Dickerson and Emma Cumby Dickerson. She was a member of Olive Branch Methodist Church.

She is survived by a brother, George R. Dickerson of Farmville, a sister, Mrs. Harmon Showaiter of Prospect and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday from Olive Branch Methodist Church by the Rev. Dorsey A. Howard.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CHESTNUT GROVE

The Young Adult Class of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church and their families enjoyed a picnic at the Robert E Lee Wayside Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley Sr. were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and Walker Webb of Appomattox.

Mrs. Billy Saul and Baby of Piney Point, Maryland vivited a few days last week with Mr. nad Mrs. T. N. Saul.

Mr. Russell L. Harris and Joe L. Harris attended Homecoming at Bethel Baptist Church at Charlotte Court House Sunday.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger were Mrs. Rosaline Neidich and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rice; Mrs. Bertha Jones, Mrs. Burn Flynn; Mrs. Elsie Coates and granddaughter all of Crewe; Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Kensky and children all of Quakertown, Penn.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dott Bryan of Dillwyn were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris.

Mrs. Kline Hill and Chris of Richmond spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris and Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris ands family camped over the weekend at Stuart's Draft.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morris and Mrs. John Wayeaster, visited John B. Carson in Lynchburg General Hospital during the weekend.

Sharon Glover is improving nicely and hopes to leave the hospital soon.

Mrs.T.Y. N. Saul of Appomattox was a Sunday night visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Williams and Mrs.

MEMBERS OF THE HENRY CLAY TURNES FAMILY MET Sunday, August 27th, at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Building for a family reunion. Shown in above photo are the grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Turnes and seated, fifth from the left, is Mrs. Russell (Gladys) Turnes, the only living daughter-in-law. All the children are deceased.

Bloodmobile Visit A Success!

When the Red Cross Bloodmobile made its first visit of the fiscal year to Appomattox on Tuesday of this week, a total of 113 units of blood were donated. Appomattox's quota was 110 units for this visit and we now have 3 units to apply to the shortage last year. Our county is 100 percent for the first visit and on the way to being 100 percent in the Blood Services Program.

SEC SPEAKER

GOV. JOHN DALTON

Governor Dalton will speak at the SEC Annual Meeting at the Pavilion in Crewe on Saturday, September 9th at 11 AM. He will remain for lunch and visit with the Members until about 2 PM.

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